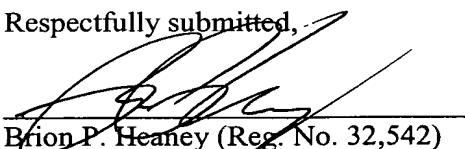


## REMARKS

### Election

Applicants hereby elect species (4) set forth at page 2 of the Office Action, i.e., the species wherein  $M^{a+}$  is  $[N(R^7)_4]^+$ . Applicants assume examination will now proceed in accordance with MPEP §809.02(c).

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